

98TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. CON. RES. 74

To encourage and support the people of Afghanistan in their struggle to be free from foreign domination.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6 (legislative day, OCTOBER 3), 1983

Mr. TSONGAS (for himself, Mr. ABDNOR, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOSCHWITZ, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CHILES, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. DIXON, Mr. DOLE, Mr. DURENBERGER, Mr. EAGLETON, Mr. EXON, Mr. FORD, Mr. GARN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HART, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINZ, Mr. HUDDLESTON, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAXALT, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MATTINGLY, Mr. MELCHER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. PELL, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. PROXMIRE, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. QUAYLE, Mr. RANDOLPH, Mr. RIEGLE, Mr. RUDDMAN, Mr. SABANES, Mr. SASSER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STENNIS, Mr. WAENER, Mr. WILSON, Mr. ZOBINSKY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. PERCY, and Mr. JEPSEN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To encourage and support the people of Afghanistan in their struggle to be free from foreign domination.

Whereas the freedom fighters of Afghanistan have withstood the might of the Soviet Army for over three and a half years and gained the admiration of free men and women the world over with their courageous sacrifice, bravery, and determination;

Whereas the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is the first Soviet seizure of independent territory since the 1940's and represents a dangerous and unacceptable development in Soviet foreign policy;

Whereas the struggle for liberation in Afghanistan can succeed if those of us who believe in freedom come to its support;

Whereas the European Parliament, the Non-Aligned Movement, the United Nations, the Conference of Islamic Nations, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and the United States Congress have all condemned the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan;

Whereas the Soviet airbases in southwest Afghanistan present an unacceptable threat to the Hormuz oil passage lanes which are so vital to the free world's economies;

Whereas many individuals and private organizations all over the world have already sent substantial aid to the Afghan freedom fighters;

Whereas it would be indefensible to provide the freedom fighters with only enough aid to fight and die but not enough to advance their cause of freedom: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That it should be the policy of the United*
3 *States—*

4 (1) to encourage and support the people of Af-
5 ghanistan in their struggle to be free from foreign
6 domination;

7 (2) to provide the people of Afghanistan, if they
8 so request, with material assistance, as the United

1 States considers appropriate, to help them fight effec-
2 tively for their freedom;

3 (3) to pursue a negotiated settlement of the war in
4 Afghanistan, based on the total withdrawal of Soviet
5 troops and the recognition of the inalienable right of
6 the Afghan people to choose their own destiny free
7 from outside interference or coercion, so that the four
8 million Afghan refugees can return to their country in
9 safety and in honor.